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TC 3600 MAIL ROOM

IN RE:

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Inventor: Haack

For: Truck Bed Liner With Storage  
Compartment

Examiner: Gutman, H.

Art Group Unit: 3612

Election/Restriction

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

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This communication is in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed June 29, 2000.

Applicant received a restriction requirement that listed seven potential species of the claimed invention. The Applicant elects group 1 (Figures 1-4 and 7-8) and group 7 (Figures 19-20) for prosecution on the merits to which the Claims shall be restricted if no generic Claim is finally held allowable. The Applicant included Group 7 with Group 1 for the reason that the Examiner noted that Group 7 could be grouped with any of the other groups.

Applicant submits that the following claims read on the elected group: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, and 57.

Applicant submits that the Claims as listed for the elected species are in allowable condition. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner recommend such action. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney would be

beneficial in moving this case forward, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



Respectfully Submitted,

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